

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24 and D.T.E. 02-25
Responses to the Department's Second Set of Information Requests

Request No.: DTE 2-34

Refer To Schedule MHC-4 (Electric). Please provide the total cost of the Lead/Lag study. Provide all supporting workpapers, calculations, assumptions, etc.

Response:

The Purchased Power Lead/Lag Study was performed by employees of Unitil Service Corp. on behalf of Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company's Electric Division (FGE). FGE has not tracked the cost of this Study separately for the overall preparation of this rate case or the corresponding Purchased Gas Lead/Lag Study. It is estimated that approximately 85 and 65 hrs., respectively, were used in preparation of the respective Purchased Power and Purchased Gas Lead/Lag studies at an average labor and overhead hourly rate of \$49 per hour. This results in a cost of approximately \$4,165 and \$3,185 for the respective Purchased Power and Purchased Gas Lead/Lag Studies. Synergies resulted from the preparation of these studies at approximately the same time-frame. FGE is not seeking additional incremental cost recovery related to these Studies.

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